

that time. We haven't had major change in that bill for a number of years. Probably the last time we had any major changes was in the early eighties when the original 1979 bill was radically changed to a process and system that, frankly, I didn't support and did interject two different reviews under the process and otherwise weakened the original bill from 1979. But outside of those changes we really have gone almost five or six years without major change to this bill. The committee amendments deal with a couple of the items in this piece of legislation and make some improvements, I think, to the bill and I would ask support for the committee amendments. The first is that the original bill did sunset under the bill a review of hospitals under certificate of need for several years into the future, I believe 1992. You would no longer have under the original bill any review of hospitals under certificate of need. This committee amendment would remove that sunset. In addition, the definition of ambulatory surgical centers under the bill was of controversy between the hospitals and the physicians and they worked together to reach a definition that they have agreed to and those are incorporated into the committee amendments. In addition the press association did contact the committee concerned about the Certificate of Need Review Committee and its proceedings and the need to have an open meetings law provision apply to their activity and so the committee amendments would provide for that change. Obviously we'll get into more of the subject matter as time goes on but those were the committee amendments and I think they do improve the bill. I would move for their adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer. Senator Elmer, pardon me, we do have an amendment on the desk. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Elmer, Schellpeper, Baack and Hall would move to amend the committee amendments. (Amendment appears on page 1585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I agree with the committee amendments as Senator Wesely has explained those so far. I am going to ask for a couple of more changes to be made in the committee amendments and the thing that we're going to be dealing with in the bill is we're going to be talking about a number of the thresholds that trigger the certificate of need process. And what I would like to change in this amendment is